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Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time for filing a response to the January 23, 2001 Decision on Petitions. The response period is presently set to expire on March 23, 2001, and if this Request for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be May 23, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$390.00 connected with this communication to Deposit Account No. 501735.

Respectfully submitted,

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